

**BEST AVAILABLE COPY**

Appl. Serial No. 09/723,868  
Docket No. FANEUF 00.02  
Amendment C

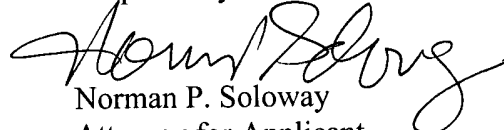
Claims 2-10 and 13-20 depend directly or indirectly on Claims 1 and 12 and are allowable for the same reasons as stated above, as well as for their own additional limitations.

Claim 11 is rejected based on Johnson in further view of the Applicant's Admissions. Claim 11 is dependent on claim 1 and thus patentable because of the aforementioned reasons. The Applicant's Admissions do not provide the missing element because the Admissions do not include "[a] loop capable of exerting a force on the biasing member thereby increasing the gripping force."

In view of the above remarks, the Applicant submits that no valid rejection exists with respect to any of the pending claims. Therefore, all of the claims are in condition for allowance. A favorable action at an early date is respectfully solicited.

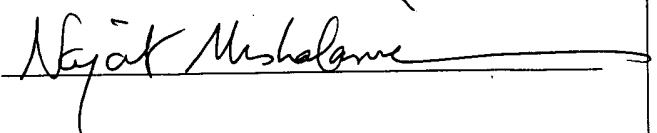
In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 08-1391.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Norman P. Soloway  
Attorney for Applicant  
Reg. No. 24, 315

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 on November 5, 2002, at Tucson, Arizona.

By 

NPS:nm

HAYES SOLOWAY P.C.  
130 W. CUSHING ST.  
TUCSON, AZ 85701  
TEL. 520.882.7623  
FAX. 520.882.7643

175 CANAL STREET  
MANCHESTER, NH 03101  
TEL. 603.668.1400  
FAX. 603.668.8567